

# FBI Chief Promises Action To End Job Bias: Black Agents Resigning

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP)—FBI efforts to end discrimination against blacks, Hispanics and women within the bureau will produce measurable results within a year, Director William S. Sessions says.

"I have made it clear throughout the FBI—not just top management—that all forms of discrimination are repulsive and will not be tolerated," Sessions told a House Judiciary panel last Tuesday.

He told the subcommittee that he would fight not only hiring discrimination but racial harassment and a practice that Hispanic FBI agents say has repeatedly blocked them from advancement within the bureau.

Hispanics say they are often thrown into stopgap roles for which Spanish-speaking agents are needed and as a result miss out on in-depth investigative experience that leads to promotion.

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Trainees not yet in the field are included, however, and FBI officials were unable to say immediately how many employees have been added overall since 1987, thus leaving unclear the percentage increase in minorities if any, noted Rep. Craig T. James, R-Fla.

"We may have lost ground as far as agents in the field and may need to catch up," James said.

"We have a catch-up program," (See RACIST FBI, P. 2)



HUMAN RELATIONS AWARD—Rev. Arlester Simpson, of Montgomery County, received the N. C. Human Relations Council Citizen Award from Gov. Jim Martin at the governor's mansion. Rev. Simpson is presently a principal of Brutoville Middle School in Candor, N.C. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)

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### INSIDE AFRICA

BY DANIEL MAROLEN

How encouraging it is to learn that Pope John Paul II is looking at and condemning South Africa's apartheid system in the highest terms.

In a 45-page major document on racism issued in Rome on Feb. 10, the Vatican says that South Africa's apartheid system is poisoning world peace. The document calls for new efforts to eliminate all forms of racism, and calls apartheid "the most marked and systematic form of racism in the world today." A change in apartheid is absolutely necessary and urgent, says this Pontifical Commission's document. Regarding apartheid, the document says that South Africa's African majority remains "excluded from effective representation in national government."

The Holy See and other Christian churches all denounce the "extreme case" of apartheid. The document continues, "On Sept. 10, 1988, during his visit to southern Africa, the pope addressed all the bishops of the region gathered in Harare, Zimbabwe, and in particular, said to them, 'The question of apartheid, understood as a system of social, economic and political discrimination, engages your missions as teachers and spiritual guides of your flocks. In a necessary and determined effort you must counteract these injustices and advocate the replacement of that policy with one consistent with justice and love.' The Pope strongly decried the injustices of apartheid and emphasized that 'Christians cannot accept structures of racial discrimination which violate (See INSIDE AFRICA, P. 2)

### Glaxo Awards \$100,000 for Renovating College

In its continuing support for education, Glaxo, Inc., has awarded a \$100,000 grant to Saint Augustine's College in Raleigh.

The funds will be used to assist the college in underwriting the costs of renovating the college's Penick Hall of Science and purchase of new instructional equipment for the structure.

### AIDS, Black Health Care Questioned

A billion-dollar bill for AIDS and other health problems afflicting North Carolina blacks will be due soon, and nobody knows who will pay it.

That was the conclusion of medical, insurance and legislative experts who assembled at the North Carolina Central University School of Business to grapple with the cost of health care for blacks.

"Too many of us, right or wrong, feel that AIDS, drug abuse and sickle cell (anemia) are conditions that we don't risk," said John F. Sipp, an insurance industry consultant who moderated last Tuesday's seminar. "They're somebody else's problem."

"As long as that attitude persists, the question of 'who will pay?' will be answered by saying, 'Somebody else...'"

AIDS is one of the biggest medical problems threatening blacks because it is spreading from big cities to smaller towns and hitting blacks harder than whites. In North Carolina, 44 percent of AIDS victims are black, although blacks make up only 22 percent of the state's population.

By 1991, the annual cost of hospital care for AIDS patients in North Carolina could total \$1.3 billion, said M. Lynn Smiley, a (See AIDS, P. 2)

## Minority Franchisees Protest They're Retail Sharecroppers

### Profit Splitting Viewed

Minority 7-Eleven franchisees protested against Southland Corp. on the Capitol steps recently, saying the company's formula for splitting profits with its inner-city store owners has turned them into "retail sharecroppers."

The protesters accused Southland of being a "corporate outlaw" and a "business baracuda," and asked Congress to investigate the Dallas-based parent company of the 7-Eleven convenience store chain.

The group also sought a congressional inquiry into whether Southland's \$4.9 billion leveraged buyout in 1987 is responsible for the inner-city franchisees' financial problems and the closure of more than a dozen stores in Washington and Baltimore.

Southland spokesman Henry Stanley said there is no connection between the LBO and the franchisees' problems, and accused the group of "grandstanding" on a contractual dispute.

"We continue to look at the dispute in Washington as not representative of our relationships with our franchisees or the value or merits of our system nationwide," Stanley said from Dallas.

But John Watson of the Capital Area 7-Eleven Franchise Owners (See 7-ELEVEN, P. 2)



JAIL BAIL—Guilty as charged, Monique Morris, left, has been sentenced to jail and can only be released after finding donors to pledge \$30 for the March of Dimes annual fundraiser. Bryan Parker, right, is the judge and Derrick Center is the arresting officer. Both are Alpha Phi Alpha members and all three are North Carolina State University students. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)

### Ford Donates \$50,000 For Shaw Scholarships

Shaw University announced Friday that it has received a \$50,000 grant from the Ford Motor Co. to fund scholarships for minorities and women.

Earnings from the grant will fund scholarships on a perpetual basis beginning in the 1989-90 school year.

Shaw University is one of 42 universities, four-year colleges and community colleges to which Ford is giving \$5.5 million for funding scholarships for minorities and women. The schools are in 16 states, including North Carolina, and the District of Columbia.

Each school must give priority to Ford employees and their spouses and children who are minorities and women before considering others who apply for the scholarships.

At a luncheon on the campus of Shaw, Leo W. Cumberlich, Charlotte district sales manager for the Ford Division of Ford Motor Co., presented a check for funding the scholarships to Shaw University President Dr. Talbert O. Shaw.

"The purpose of this program is to provide college-level opportunities to minorities and women who want to prepare themselves for careers in business and industry," said Cumberlich. "Schools such as Shaw University offer some of the finest programs in the country for helping achieve this purpose."

The Ford grants are the result of a 1980 conciliation agreement between the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and Ford for a series of affirmative action initiatives. Ford initiatives already implemented include funding middle school math and science projects in Detroit, Cleveland and Chicago and providing training in business planning software for minority suppliers.

Schools receiving the grants administer the scholarships according to their own policies but must not restrict them to a particular discipline. The scholarships are targeted primarily for students in undergraduate programs but also may be awarded to students in graduate-level programs. Each school determines the amount and number of awards to be offered.

Shaw University deeply appreciates this grant from Ford Motor Co. intended to provide scholarships for minorities and women. Shaw's president, Dr. Talbert O. Shaw, states that Ford's gift comes at a most propitious time, when the university is building its endowment to ensure ongoing support for scholarships and the university's academic programs.

The \$50,000 awarded to Shaw University will generate a grand total of \$150,000 under a generous (See SHAW GRANT, P. 2)

### Professor Sleeps With Homeless To Evaluate Problem

BY R.H. HODGE

Contributing Writer  
William Shakespeare had his Hamlet question, "To be or not to be...?" in the complexity of self-challenge and decisionmaking. A local professor wrestled with the question of how it feels to be homeless, and in order to gain insight, stepped across the broad line that divides the haves from the have-nots and the rueful homeless.

Dr. Albert Jabs, a sociology professor at Shaw University, gave up a warm, comfortable bed to sleep side-by-side with individuals who have lived a large portion of their lives enduring the elements of many a cold, shocking and sometimes unfriendly world.

Dr. Jabs defies that line of dif-

ference. He believes in the sanctuary of human salvation and in order to experience the true problem as it exists in Raleigh today, one must, to paraphrase an Indian proverb, walk a mile in another's moccasins.

Because of this belief, Jabs spent a night with the homeless at the Salvation Army on Person Street in Southeast Raleigh. As a social science instructor, Jabs' life and work is full of questions and sometimes the answers are difficult to render, but he continues to ask the questions.

Why would a suburban, middle-class, white man spend an evening with the homeless in Raleigh?

Dr. Jabs answers, "There is a necessary correlation with classroom (See HOMELESS, P. 2)

### Excavation Reveals Bodies Of 19 Black Civil War Soldiers

BY CHESTER A. HIGGINS, SR.

NNPA News Editor  
WASHINGTON, D.C.—A large construction firm excavating on Folly Island, S.C., in 1987 accidentally dug into graves of 19 black Civil War soldiers, NNPA has learned.

The accident not only has held up construction since that time, but it has triggered a hurried visit by a University of South Carolina team of archaeologists and anthropologists headed by Steven D. Smith who quickly petitioned the State Historic Preservation Commission to halt development until the site could be thoroughly investigated and the soldiers identified. Memorabilia including uniform buttons and insignia have pinpointed soldiers' unit identities.

It launched a brief tug-of-war between the cities of Florence and Beaufort over which would receive the signal honor of re-burying the soldiers. Each city has a national cemetery. Beaufort has won, and its citizens, black and white, are working together to raise money to pay for the re-burial.

Folly Island, one of the famous coastal sea islands, is situated just south of Charleston. William Grant, veterans affairs officer at Beaufort, a seacoast town, said Folly Island "was used as a staging area by troops of the 55th Massachusetts Regiment in the winter of 1864." Grant told NNPA that the 55th and the 54th as well as units of the First South Carolina and First North Carolina artillery and in-

fantry operated during that time "from Hilton Head to Charleston." Black troops were a prominent part of the engagement called "The Battle of Honey Hill."

Grant said the recently discovered soldiers belonged to the 55th Massachusetts, and that each soldier was buried individually.

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Two were discovered in boxes, others were wrapped in Army ponchos. Only two of the bodies were whole. Some had legs, arms or in several instances, heads missing, indicating the graves had been vandalized earlier, one observer told NNPA. The bodies were buried four or five feet deep.

Re-burial is set for May 29, Memorial Day, Grant said. Cost of soldier re-burial is \$500 to \$600 each, he said. Pentagon officials reportedly told volunteer officials that it could not by law provide funds for the project. Full military honors and a colorful parade are planned.

Rev. Joel T. Ward, a non-denominational minister and Korean War veteran, of Columbia, is one of the many volunteers working on the re-burial project. Grant, who told (See CIVIL WAR, P. 2)

## Helpless Predicament Apartment Blaze Leaves Family Homeless

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports  
An early-morning blaze in a Southeast Raleigh apartment complex has left a single-parent family of six without shelter or clothing.

Early March 2, police evacuated about 25 people from an apartment building at 601 Dandridge Drive after a four-year-old child accidentally started a fire in a bedroom. District Chief R.M. King said firefighters contained the blaze to the bedroom of Apt. B. There were no injuries, but the room sustained approximately \$1,500 to \$2,500 in damage.

The mother, Ms. Sheila Williams, told THE CAROLINIAN, "We lost everything." She said they were without clothing and shelter except for temporarily living with relatives, and needed assistance.

Ms. Williams said her three-year-old son was playing with a cigarette lighter when the fire started in the bedroom.

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Ms. Williams said they were thankful that no one was injured and that they were able to escape the building. She said a counselor at Athens Drive High School had been helpful, as was the Triangle Chapter of the American Red Cross.

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The rest of the first-floor apartment sustained smoke damage and none of the other seven units in the building was damaged, according to the fire chief.

Contributions to help this family should be directed to the address of Ms. Williams' father, Arthur Williams, 2100 Nelson St., Raleigh 27610, or call 828-8708.



FIRE VICTIMS—This family was left homeless after a fire destroyed their apartment last week. In the photo are 16 months Williams. Donations may be sent to Arthur Williams, 2100 Nelson St., Raleigh, N.C. 27610 or call 828-8708. (Photo by Mayo Tomlinson)